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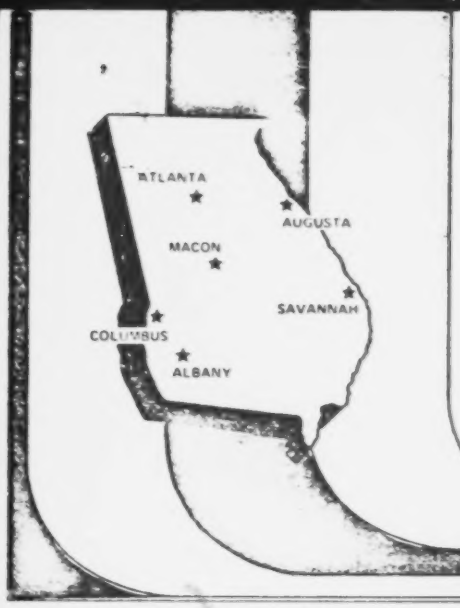

GEORGIA LABOR MARKET TRENDS

STATE AND STANDARD METROPOLITAN AREAS

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NEW LABOR SURPLUS AREA LIST RELEASED

The U.S. Department of Labor has released a new list of labor surplus areas, effective October 1, 1983 through September 30, 1984. Employers located in labor surplus areas are eligible for preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts.

The labor surplus area designation is based on the average annual unemployment rate for the two preceding calendar years. To be included on the list, an area must have had an average unemployment rate of 10.0 percent during the two-year period.

Twenty-one Georgia counties have been classified as labor surplus areas. They are:

Bartow County
Brantley County
Chattooga County
Crawford County
Crisp County
Elbert County
Fannin County
Glascock County
Haralson County
Johnson County
Lincoln County
Macon County
McDuffie County
Meriwether County
Murray County
Polk County
Quitman County
Stewart County
Taliaferro County
Turner County
Warren County

Return of Furloughed Workers, Strikers Ups Employment

Although nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose 30,600 in September, about 90 percent of the increase was caused by the return to work of school personnel who are furloughed during summer vacation, auto workers who were idle during retooling for model change, and strikers in the communication and primary metals industries. The remainder of the increment consisted of small scattered increments. No significant losses occurred in any segment.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

General Motors to Reopen Lakewood Plant

A spokesman for General Motors Corporation has announced that the Lakewood assembly plant in Atlanta will be reopened early in 1984. The plant is being retooled to produce both the subcompact Chevrolet Chevette and the midsized Pontiac 1,000. About 1,650 laid-off workers will be recalled to operate one shift.

Ritz-Carlton to Open in Buckhead

The Ritz-Carlton, a luxury hotel, will open in Atlanta's Buckhead section in November. Initially, 450 people will be hired. That total will rise to 500 as the hotel begins full operation.

Factory Outlet Store Mall Opens in Northwest Georgia

Direct Connection Mall opened in Rossville recently. A new concept in shopping, the mall has grouped more than 25 manufacturers factory outlet stores in a single location. The first phase of the development encompasses 160,000 square feet and represents an investment of $7 million. Eventually, it will total 350,000 square feet and cost $14 million. The mall will provide employment for several hundred people.

Hughes Aircraft Expands

Hughes Aircraft Corporation will expand its Eufaula, Alabama plant. The company, which manufactures components for missiles and radar installations, will build a 20,000 square-foot warehouse costing $700,000. Employment will increase from 85 to 100 by the end of the year and is expected to reach 150 by late 1984.

Southeast Bedding to Build New Plant

Southeast Bedding Company, located in Columbus, will replace its old facility with a new 30,600 square-foot building. The company, which manufactures mattresses, will hire new employees as business warrants.

Outlet Square to Open in Atlanta

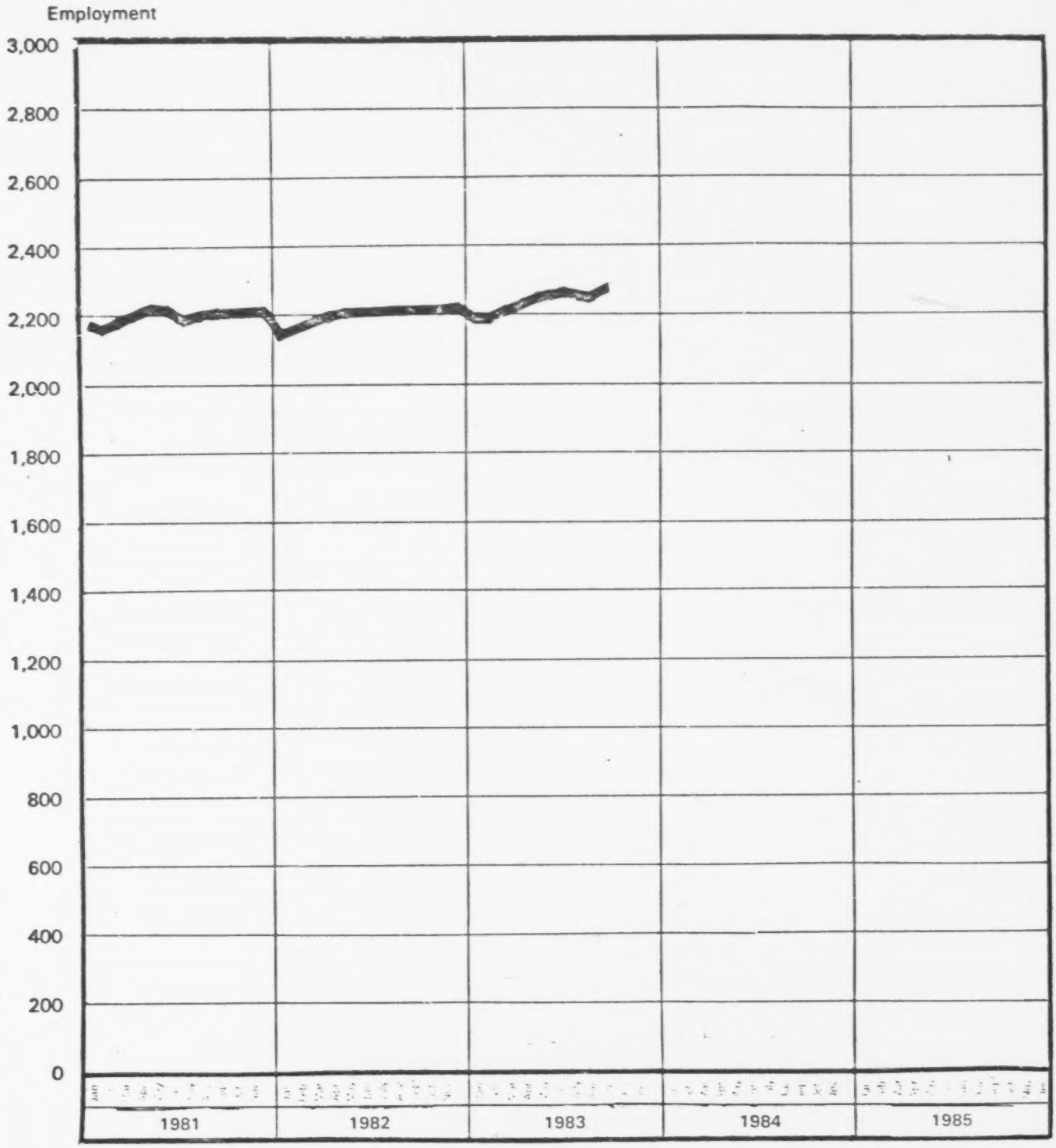
Outlet Square, a mall featuring discount stores, is opening in Atlanta in early November. About 30 off-price fashion and accessory stores are in the mall, which is located at Clairmont and Buford Highways.

Brunswick Fire Costs 1,000 Jobs

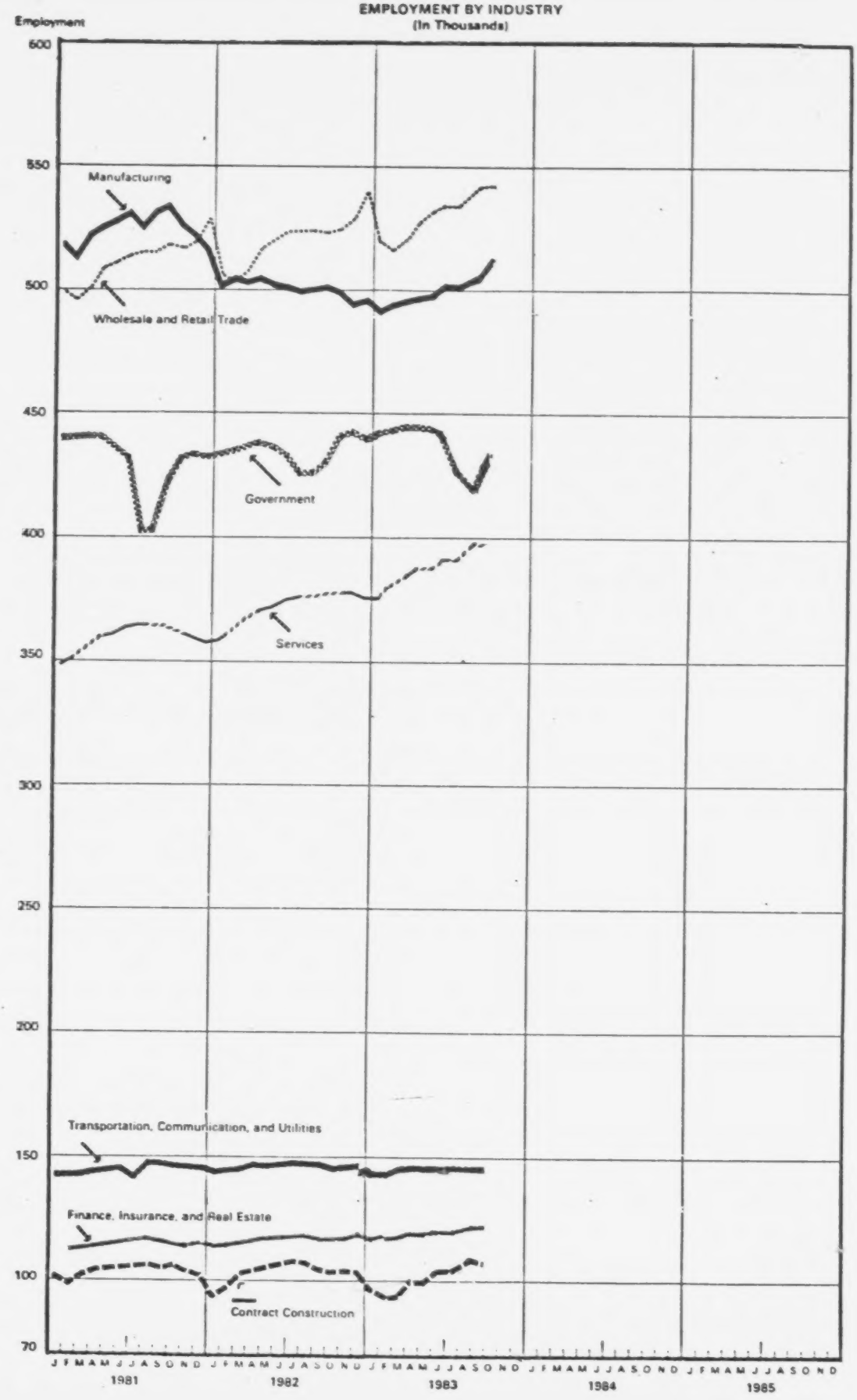
A fire which destroyed 30 of Brunswick Mall's 43 stores in September left 1,000 people jobless. Damage to the 16-year-old mall was estimated to be "in the millions." A spokesman for the facility said that two-thirds of the involved stores were "a 100 percent loss." The mall contained mostly clothing and specialty shops.

NOTE: Georgia narrative written by Joyce Morris, Principal Statistical Analyst. (404) 656-3177.

TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(In Thousands)



EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY
(In Thousands)



GEORGIA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	2,267.3	2,236.7	2,207.7	30.6	59.6
Manufacturing	300005	513.1	505.8	501.9	7.3	11.2
Durable Goods	300025	180.9	175.5	175.6	5.4	5.3
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	29.4	29.6	28.1	-.2	1.3
Logging Camps, Sawmills, and Planing Mills	324195	14.5	14.6	13.9	-.1	.6
Furniture and Fixtures	325005	9.3	9.3	9.5	.0	-.2
Household Furniture	325105	5.7	5.6	5.6	.1	.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	16.5	16.4	16.2	.1	.3
Primary Metal Industries	333005	15.5	12.8	16.0	2.7	-.5
Fabricated Metal Products	334005	17.5	17.4	17.2	.1	.3
Machinery, except Electrical	335005	20.5	19.7	20.1	.8	.4
Electric and Electronic Equipment	336005	22.8	22.6	22.7	.2	.1
Transportation Equipment	337005	37.3	35.7	34.4	1.6	2.9
Other Durable Goods	399915	12.1	12.0	11.5	.1	.6
Nondurable Goods	400015	332.2	330.3	326.3	1.9	5.9
Food and Kindred Products	420005	59.6	59.5	59.6	.1	.0
Meat Products	420105	21.2	21.1	20.8	.1	.4
Poultry Dressing and Poultry Processing	420185	15.6	15.5	15.4	.1	.2
Dairy Products	420205	4.6	4.6	4.6	.0	.0
Bakery Products	420505	8.7	8.7	8.9	.0	-.2
Textile Mill Products	422005	108.8	107.7	104.9	1.1	3.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	422105	23.4	23.5	24.3	-.1	-.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetic	422205	4.0	3.9	3.9	.1	.1
Knitting Mills	422505	9.7	9.7	9.4	.0	.3
Floor Covering Mills	422705	31.0	30.3	27.8	.7	3.2
Yarn and Thread Mills	422805	21.6	21.3	21.4	.3	.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	70.6	70.1	69.7	.5	.9
Men's and Boys' Clothing	423175	39.5	39.0	33.9	.5	.6
Women's and Children's Clothing	423335	22.0	21.8	21.7	.2	.3
Paper and Allied Products	426005	27.3	27.4	27.3	-.1	.0
Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills	426135	12.9	13.0	12.7	-.1	.2
Paperboard Containers and Boxes	426505	6.9	6.9	6.8	.0	.1
Printing and Publishing	427005	26.8	26.6	25.7	.2	1.1
Commercial Printing	427505	9.9	9.8	9.8	.1	.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	17.0	17.0	16.8	.0	.2
Agricultural Chemicals	428705	2.0	2.0	2.2	.0	-.2
Leather and Leather Products	431005	1.9	1.9	2.3	.0	-.4
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	20.2	20.2	19.8	.0	.4
Nonmanufacturing	000060	1,754.1	1,730.9	1,705.8	23.2	48.3
Mining	100005	7.5	7.4	7.4	.1	.1
Contract Construction	200005	107.7	108.0	104.8	-.3	2.9
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	147.7	136.9	146.1	10.8	1.6
Transportation	500015	85.9	86.6	85.0	-.7	.9
Communication (except U.S. Postal Service)	548005	38.9	27.5	38.7	11.4	.2
Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Service	549005	23.0	22.8	22.4	.2	.6
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	540.4	539.9	523.6	.5	16.8
Wholesale Trade	650005	170.6	170.0	166.0	.6	4.6
Wholesale Trade, Durable Goods	650015	103.3	103.0	100.0	.3	3.3
Wholesale Trade, Nondurable Goods	651005	67.3	67.0	66.1	.3	1.2
Retail Trade	652005	369.8	369.9	357.6	-.1	12.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	121.6	121.2	116.8	.4	4.8
Finance	760025	54.7	54.3	51.1	.4	3.6
Insurance Carriers, Agents, and Brokers	763045	42.4	42.5	41.9	-.1	.5
Real Estate	765075	24.4	24.4	23.7	.0	.7
Services	800005	395.6	395.7	376.9	-.1	18.7
Government	998008	433.7	421.8	430.1	11.9	3.6
Federal	998011	85.1	85.6	84.2	-.5	.9
State and Local	998509	348.6	336.2	345.9	12.4	2.7

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers throughout Georgia. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

GEORGIA PRODUCTION WORKERS (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Manufacturing	300005	382.0	377.0	375.3	5.0	6.7
Durable Goods	300025	131.1	126.6	128.0	4.5	3.1
Nondurable Goods	400015	250.9	250.3	247.3	.6	3.6
Selected Industries:						
Food and Kindred Products	420005	40.5	40.6	40.6	-.1	-.1
Textile Mill Products	422005	88.6	88.7	87.0	-.1	1.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	422105	19.7	20.7	21.9	-1.0	-2.2
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	422205	3.5	3.4	3.4	.1	.1
Knitting Mills	422505	7.8	7.7	7.7	.1	.1
Floor Covering Mills	422705	24.9	24.5	23.1	.4	1.8
Yarn and Thread Mills	422805	18.0	17.7	17.8	.3	.2
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	60.9	60.3	59.4	.6	1.5
Men's and Boys' Clothing	423175	34.6	34.1	33.4	.5	1.2
Women's and Children's Clothing	423335	18.5	18.4	18.5	.1	.0
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	23.0	23.2	22.0	-.2	1.0
Furniture and Fixtures	325005	7.6	7.7	8.3	-.1	-.7
Paper and Allied Products	426005	20.7	20.7	20.7	.0	.0
Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills	426135	9.7	9.6	9.5	.1	.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	10.2	10.2	9.9	.0	.3
Leather and Leather Products	431005	1.4	1.4	2.0	.0	-.6
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	12.2	12.0	12.2	.2	.0
Primary Metal Industries	333005	10.6	9.1	11.1	1.5	-.5
Fabricated Metal Products	334005	13.5	13.3	13.4	.2	.1
Machinery, except Electrical	335005	14.3	13.5	13.6	.8	.7
Electric and Electronic Equipment	336005	15.4	15.1	15.4	.3	.0
Transportation Equipment	337005	24.4	22.9	22.7	1.5	1.7

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers throughout Georgia. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

GEORGIA HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS: CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS: PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS: CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS: CURRENT MONTH SEP. 82	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS: PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS: CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82
Total Manufacturing	300005	$295.36	$287.16	$266.74	41.6	41.2	39.4	$ 7.10	$ 6.97	$ 6.77
Durable Goods	300025	334.49	323.59	299.38	41.5	41.7	39.6	8.06	7.76	7.56
Nondurable Goods	400015	274.56	268.71	249.95	41.6	40.9	39.3	6.60	6.57	6.36
Selected Industries:										
Food and Kindred Products	420005	$263.97	$259.52	$249.88	40.3	39.5	39.6	$ 6.55	$ 6.57	$ 6.31
Textile Mill Products	422005	269.19	258.83	229.50	43.7	42.5	39.5	6.16	6.09	5.81
Weaving Mills, Cotton	422105	275.46	253.17	224.26	44.5	40.9	38.4	6.19	6.19	5.84
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	422205	292.56	290.11	261.46	43.6	42.6	41.9	6.71	6.81	6.24
Knitting Mills	422505	232.55	220.44	208.30	41.9	40.3	39.6	5.55	5.47	5.26
Floor Covering Mills	422705	284.29	272.00	232.25	44.7	44.3	39.7	6.36	6.14	5.85
Yarn and Thread Mills	422805	266.41	256.68	232.85	42.9	41.4	39.6	6.21	6.20	5.88
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	179.93	177.10	166.98	37.8	37.6	36.3	4.76	4.71	4.60
Men's and Boys' Clothing	423175	176.23	176.53	164.47	37.1	37.4	35.6	4.75	4.72	4.62
Women's and Children's Clothing	423335	178.98	173.45	165.71	38.0	37.3	36.5	4.71	4.65	4.54
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	245.38	234.17	217.06	43.2	41.3	39.9	5.68	5.67	5.44
Furniture and Fixtures	325005	197.22	225.09	198.47	38.0	41.0	39.3	5.19	5.49	5.05
Paper and Allied Procucts	426005	474.03	477.30	442.30	45.8	45.5	42.9	10.35	10.49	10.31
Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills	426135	543.88	551.13	525.82	47.5	47.8	43.6	11.45	11.53	12.06
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	383.39	388.51	367.22	41.9	42.6	42.8	9.15	9.12	8.58
Leather and Leather Products	431005	149.56	160.52	158.78	34.7	36.4	35.6	4.31	4.41	4.46
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	339.98	339.39	307.93	43.2	43.4	40.2	7.87	7.82	7.66
Primary Metal Industries	333005	395.85	357.01	352.52	41.8	42.1	39.3	9.47	8.48	8.97
Fabricated Metal Products	334005	325.38	316.29	275.60	43.5	42.8	40.0	7.48	7.39	6.89
Electric and Electronic Equipment	336005	319.72	330.00	298.69	42.8	44.0	40.2	7.47	7.50	7.43
Transportation Equipment	337005	477.12	447.88	427.51	38.2	39.6	38.9	12.49	11.31	10.99

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data exclude supervisory, sales, clerical, and other office personnel. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis, reflecting changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, as well as any premium pay for overtime and late shift work.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

SEPTEMBER NONFARM EMPLOYMENT ADVANCES 14,700 IN ATLANTA AREA

Total nonfarm employment in the Atlanta area rose 14,700 over the month to an estimated 1,037,200 for September. Both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing recorded increases over the previous month. Over the year, the increase was 22,900 with nonmanufacturing industries supplying all the gain.

Manufacturing, at 142,400, rose 4,600 from August. The durable goods-producing sector increased in employment while the nondurable goods group remained stable. Primary metal industries and transportation equipment accounted for the upturn in manufacturing. The settlement of a labor dispute and the re-opening of an automobile assembly plant following a temporary shutdown for retooling for model changeover produced most of the gain in these industries.

Manufacturing employment showed only a slight uptrend from the same month last year as both the durable and nondurable goods categories remained at the same level.

Nonmanufacturing, at 894,800, advanced 10,000 from August. This gain was attributed to construction; transportation and public utilities; and government. The slight increase in construction was provided by the special trades segment. The major rise in transportation and public utilities was due to a labor dispute settlement. The increase in government was primarily confined to local education. Trade remained unchanged as were both the wholesale and retail segments. Finance, insurance, and real estate and services registered slight downturns

Nonmanufacturing was up 22,800 over the year with all major industries recording increases. More than 70 percent of the yearly gain was provided by the trade and service industries.

Note: Narrative written by Atlanta Area Analyst, Wendell N. Moss. (404) 656-5856.

ATLANTA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	1,037.2	1,022.5	1,014.3	14.7	22.9
Manufacturing	300005	142.4	137.8	142.3	4.6	.1
Durable Goods	300025	72.0	67.5	72.0	4.5	.0
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	2.6	2.7	2.7	-.1	-.1
Furniture and Fixtures	325005	3.3	3.3	3.6	.0	-.3
Household Furniture	325105	1.7	1.6	1.7	.1	.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	7.4	7.2	6.9	.2	.5
Primary Metal Industries	333005	4.7	2.1	5.2	2.6	-.5
Fabricated Metal Products	334005	6.6	6.5	6.9	.1	-.3
Machinery, except Electrical	335005	7.9	7.6	7.7	.3	.2
Electric and Electronic Equipment	336005	11.5	11.5	11.8	.0	-.3
Transportation Equipment	337005	23.1	21.7	22.6	1.4	.5
Other Durable Goods	399915	5.1	5.0	4.7	.1	.4
Nondurable Goods	400015	70.3	70.3	70.3	.0	.0
Food and Kindred Products	420005	18.7	18.8	18.9	-.1	-.2
Meat Products	420105	4.3	4.4	5.1	-.1	-.8
Bakery Products	420505	3.6	3.5	3.4	.1	.2
Textile Mill Products	422005	4.3	4.3	4.6	.0	-.3
Weaving Mills, Cotton	422105	1.2	1.2	1.2	.0	.0
Yarn and Thread Mills	422805	1.6	1.6	1.9	.0	-.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	8.7	8.7	8.5	.0	.2
Men's and Boys' Clothing	423175	3.5	3.5	3.5	.0	.0
Women's and Children's Clothing	423335	2.9	2.8	3.0	.1	-.1
Paper and Allied Products	426005	7.6	7.7	7.5	-.1	.1
Paperboard Containers and Boxes	426505	3.9	3.9	3.8	.0	.1
Printing and Publishing	427005	17.1	16.9	16.8	.2	.3
Commercial Printing	427505	7.5	7.4	7.5	.1	.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	7.5	7.5	7.7	.0	-.2
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	6.4	6.4	6.3	.0	.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	894.8	884.8	872.0	10.0	22.8
Contract Construction	200005	46.6	46.2	46.2	.4	.4
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	93.0	86.2	92.1	6.8	.9
Transportation	500015	58.4	58.9	57.3	-.5	1.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	291.9	291.9	282.7	.0	9.2
Wholesale Trade	650005	106.0	105.9	108.3	.1	-2.3
Wholesale Trade, Durable Goods	650015	71.2	71.1	71.7	.1	-.5
Wholesale Trade, Nondurable Goods	651005	34.8	34.8	36.6	.0	-1.8
Retail Trade	652005	185.9	185.9	174.4	.0	11.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	72.5	72.6	70.1	-.1	2.4
Finance	760025	29.4	29.1	27.3	.3	2.1
Insurance Carriers, Agents, and Brokers	763045	26.1	26.1	26.4	.0	-.3
Services	800055	227.0	227.7	219.9	-.7	7.1
Government	998008	163.8	160.3	161.1	3.5	2.7
Federal	998011	32.2	32.7	32.6	-.5	-.4
State and Local	998509	131.6	127.5	128.5	4.1	3.1

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SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

ATLANTA PRODUCTION WORKERS (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Manufacturing	300005	96.7	93.4	96.5	3.3	.2
Durable Goods	300025	50.3	46.9	50.1	3.4	.2
Nondurable Goods	400015	46.4	46.5	46.4	-.1	.0
Selected Industries:						
Food and Kindred Products	420005	11.7	11.8	11.6	-.1	.1
Textile Mill Products	422005	3.2	3.3	3.7	-.1	-.5
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	6.9	6.9	7.0	.0	-.1
Men's and Boys' Clothing	423175	3.1	3.0	3.0	.1	.1
Women's and Children's Clothing	423335	2.2	2.1	2.5	.1	-.3
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	2.0	2.1	2.1	-.1	-.1
Furniture and Fixtures	325005	2.7	2.7	3.1	.0	-.4
Paper and Allied Products	426005	5.7	5.8	5.7	-.1	.0
Paperboard Containers and Boxes	426505	2.6	2.6	2.6	.0	.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	4.1	4.0	4.0	.1	.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	5.7	5.5	5.1	.2	.6
Primary Metal Industries	333005	3.0	1.5	3.4	1.5	-.4
Fabricated Metal Industries	334005	4.6	4.5	4.8	.1	-.2
Machinery, except Electrical	335005	5.8	5.6	5.6	.2	.2
Transportation Equipment	337005	14.7	13.4	14.5	1.3	.2

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Atlanta area, which includes Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, and Walton Counties. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

ATLANTA HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82
Total Manufacturing	300005	$339.83	$333.88	$299.47	39.7	39.7	36.7	$ 8.56	$ 8.41	$ 8.16
Durable Goods	300025	366.05	355.51	318.55	38.9	38.6	34.7	9.41	9.21	9.18
Nondurable Goods	400015	311.40	313.29	279.69	40.6	40.9	38.9	7.67	7.66	7.19
Selected Industries:										
Food and Kindred Products	420005	$308.66	$306.32	$269.99	40.4	40.2	39.3	$ 7.64	$ 7.62	$ 6.87
Textile Mill Products	422005	241.36	232.43	191.68	41.4	39.8	35.3	5.83	5.84	5.43
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	176.58	172.92	162.45	35.6	36.1	34.2	4.96	4.79	4.75
Men's and Boys' Clothing	423175	167.04	158.18	146.48	34.3	33.3	31.5	4.87	4.75	4.65
Women's and Children's Clothing	423335	180.19	187.61	169.92	35.4	37.9	36.0	5.09	4.95	4.72
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	231.60	225.19	215.08	40.0	39.3	37.8	5.79	5.73	5.69
Furniture and Fixtures	325005	207.39	242.40	211.29	37.1	40.4	39.2	5.59	6.00	5.39
Paper and Allied Products	426005	397.54	395.66	350.43	43.4	43.1	40.7	9.16	9.18	8.61
Paperboard Containers and Boxes	426505	381.41	365.92	330.30	43.0	41.3	39.7	8.87	8.86	8.32
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	374.31	396.93	351.52	42.2	44.8	41.6	8.87	8.86	8.45
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	343.51	348.25	287.26	42.2	43.1	38.2	8.14	8.08	7.52
Primary Metal Industries	333005	594.22	411.47	473.40	46.9	34.9	40.6	12.67	11.79	11.66
Fabricated Metal Products	334005	381.01	249.38	294.31	42.1	39.3	36.2	9.05	8.89	8.13
Transportation Equipment	337005	440.16	463.67	448.58	33.6	38.1	35.1	13.10	13.21	12.78

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data exclude supervisory, sales, clerical, and other office personnel. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis, reflecting changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, as well as any premium pay for overtime and late shift work.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

ALBANY SMSA

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Albany SMSA, at 43,400, gained 400 during the month and was unchanged for the year. Over-the-month gains were primarily in the nonmanufacturing division, with transportation, communications, and utilities, up 300, leading the way. Gains were also recorded in finance, insurance, and real estate; contract construction, and services. Over the year, gains were reported in almost all nonmanufacturing segments, except government, which lost 200. Manufacturing lost 300 over the year.

Manufacturing, at 11,500, was unchanged for the month and declined 300 during the year. No significant change was reported in any manufacturing segment in September. Both durable and nondurable goods were unchanged. Over the year, the largest decline (400) was reported in the "other durable goods" segment. This category includes building materials and furniture. Metals and machinery gained 100 overthe year; consequently, durable goods experienced a net decline of 300 jobs.

Contract construction, at 1,900, gained 100 for the month and 100 over the year. Lower interest rates have been instrumental in bringing the construction industry up from former low activity levels.

Transportation, communications, and utilities, at 2,200, gained 300 during the month and was unchanged over the year. Labor disputes have caused fluctuations within the communications industry in recent months.

Trade, at 9,400, was unchanged for the month and gained 300 over the year. Over-the-year gains were primarily in the wholesale segment although some increments were also recorded in retail trade during the year.

Finance, insurance, and real estate, at 2,300, gained 100 over the month and 200 for the year. Most of the gain was in the finance portion of the division. Services, at 5,900, gained 100 during the month and 100 over the year. Most of the annual gains were in business services and personal services.

Government, at 10,300, declined 100 for the month and 200 for the year. Declines were primarily in the state and local sectors.

NOTE Narrative written by Albany Area Analyst, W. David Wilson (912) 439-4181

ALBANY NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	43.4	43.0	43.4	.4	.0
Manufacturing	300005	11.5	11.5	11.8	.0	-.3
Durable Goods	300025	2.0	2.0	2.3	.0	-.3
Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, and Machinery	333055	1.3	1.3	1.2	.0	.1
Other Durable Goods	399915	.8	.8	1.2	.0	-.4
Nondurable Goods	400015	9.5	9.5	9.5	.0	.0
Food and Kindred Products	420005	3.2	3.2	3.1	.0	.1
Textile Mill Products	422005	1.7	1.7	1.7	.0	.0
Chemicals	428005	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	4.1	4.1	4.2	.0	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	31.9	31.5	31.6	.4	.3
Contract Construction	200005	1.9	1.8	1.8	.1	.1
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	2.2	1.9	2.2	.3	.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	9.4	9.4	9.1	.0	.3
Wholesale Trade	650005	2.8	2.8	2.6	.0	.2
Retail Trade	652005	6.6	6.6	6.5	.0	.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	2.3	2.2	2.1	.1	.2
Services and Mining	800055	5.9	5.8	5.8	.1	.1
Government	998008	10.3	10.4	10.5	-.1	-.2
Federal	998011	2.6	2.6	2.5	.0	.1
State and Local	998509	7.7	7.8	8.0	-.1	-.3

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Albany area, which includes Dougherty and Lee Counties. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

ATHENS NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	53.1	53.0	51.4	.1	1.7
Manufacturing	300005	14.4	14.2	14.0	.2	.4
Durable Goods	300025	4.6	4.6	4.6	.0	.0
Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, and Machinery	333055	2.3	2.3	2.5	.0	-.2
Other Durable Goods	399915	2.3	2.3	2.1	.0	.2
Nondurable Goods	400015	9.8	9.6	9.5	.2	.3
Food and Kindred Products	420005	3.0	2.9	3.0	.1	.0
Textile Mill Products	422005	2.5	2.5	2.4	.0	.1
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	3.3	3.2	3.0	.1	.3
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	1.0	1.0	1.1	.0	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	38.8	38.8	37.4	.0	1.4
Contract Construction	200005	1.8	1.9	1.7	-.1	.1
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	1.6	1.6	1.5	.0	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	11.0	10.8	10.2	.2	.8
Wholesale Trade	650005	2.0	1.9	1.9	.1	.1
Retail Trade	652005	9.0	8.8	8.3	.2	.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	1.7	1.6	1.7	.1	.0
Services and Mining	800055	7.2	7.1	7.1	.1	.1
Government	998008	15.5	15.9	15.1	-.4	.4
Federal	998011	1.9	2.0	2.0	-.1	-.1
State and Local	998509	13.6	13.9	13.1	-.3	.5

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Athens area, which includes Clarke, Jackson, Madison, and Oconee Counties. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

AUGUSTA SMSA

Employment in the Augusta area rose to 123,700, an increase of 1,500 over the month and 700 over the year. The monthly rise was primarily attributable to increments in nonmanufacturing, while the annual rise was triggered by more activity in manufacturing.

Manufacturing, at 34,000, climbed 100 over the month and 700 over the year. The annual increase was concentrated in durable goods. Lumber and wood products, at 700, was unchanged over the month, but recorded an increment of 100 jobs over the year. Stone, clay, and glass products, at 3,000, was unchanged over the month, but rose 500 over the year because of more activity in glass manufacturing. Metals and machinery, at 2,900, was unchanged over the month, but rose 600 over the year with more activity in nonelectrical machinery. "Other durable goods," at 2,400, rose 100 over the month because of more business in measuring and controlling instruments. This segment climbed 200 over the year for the same reason. Food and kindred products, at 2,800, remained unchanged over the month, but rose 100 over the year. Textile mill products, at 6,900, recorded no change over the month, but dropped 1,300 over the year because of modernization and international competition. Apparel, at 1,900, was unchanged over the month, but dropped 200 over the year. Printing and publishing, at 1,200, recorded no change over the month but reflected a gain of 200 over the year in commercial printing. "Other nondurable goods," at 12,200, reported no gain over the month but climbed 500 over the year mostly in chemicals and paper.

Construction, at 4,700, lost 100 over the month and 1,100 over the year due to the completion of projects in the area. Transportation and public utilities, at 4,200, rose 500 over the month as striking communications workers returned to their jobs. This division dropped 100 over the year. Trade, at 24,900, climbed 100 over the month because of more activity in retail firms. This division climbed 400 over the year as a result of the opening of new establishments. Finance, insurance, and real estate, at 4,600, was unchanged over the month and over the year. Services and mining, at 20,100, climbed 200 over the month because of more activity in educational services and protection services. This division recorded an increment of 1,000 over the year precipitated by the opening of new firms.

Government, at 31,300, rose 800 over the month as nonteaching personnel returned to the public school systems in the area. This division registered no annual gain as an increase of 300 in the federal sector was nullified by a similar loss in the state and local subdivision.

NOTE: Narrative written by Augusta Area Analyst, Jack Herrington (404) 828-3131

AUGUSTA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	123.7	122.2	123.0	1.5	.7
Manufacturing	300005	34.0	33.9	33.3	.1	.7
Durable Goods	300025	9.0	8.8	7.6	.2	1.4
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	.7	.7	.6	.0	.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	3.0	3.0	2.5	.0	.5
Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, and Machinery	333055	2.9	2.9	2.3	.0	.6
Other Durable Goods	399915	2.4	2.3	2.2	.1	.2
Nondurable Goods	400015	25.0	25.0	25.7	.0	-.7
Food and Kindred Products	420005	2.8	2.8	2.7	.0	.1
Textile Mill Products	422005	6.9	6.9	8.2	.0	-1.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	1.9	1.9	2.1	.0	-.2
Printing and Publishing	427005	1.2	1.2	1.0	.0	.2
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	12.2	12.2	11.7	.0	.5
Nonmanufacturing	000060	89.7	88.3	89.7	1.4	.0
Contract Construction	200005	4.7	4.8	5.8	-.1	-1.1
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	4.2	3.7	4.3	.5	-.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	24.9	24.8	24.5	.1	.4
Wholesale Trade	650005	4.3	4.3	4.4	.0	-.1
Retail Trade	652005	20.6	20.5	20.1	.1	.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	4.6	4.6	4.6	.0	.0
Services and Mining	600055	20.1	19.9	19.1	.2	1.0
Government	998008	31.3	30.5	31.3	.8	.0
Federal	998011	7.5	7.4	7.2	.1	.3
State and Local	998509	23.8	23.0	24.1	.8	-.3

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Augusta area, which includes Richmond and Columbia Counties, Georgia, and Aiken County, South Carolina. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

COLUMBUS SMSA

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment declined by 1,200 from the August estimate. Manufacturing employment advanced by 100 while nonmanufacturing lost 1,300 during the month. Employment increased 2,300 from September, 1982. Manufacturing rose 1,000 while nonmanufacturing increased 1,300.

Manufacturing employment rose by 100 workers from last month and increased 1,000 from one year ago. The monthly gain was due to more business in food and kindred products. The annual increment was due to more business in lumber and wood products; metals and machinery, "other durable goods"; food and kindred products; textile mill products; apparel and other finished textile products; and printing, publishing, and allied industries. "Other nondurable goods" declined 100 during both periods of reference.

Nonmanufacturing employment dropped by 1,300 from August due to less business in retail trade; finance, insurance and real estate; services, and in government. Government lost 1,300 employees primarily due to seasonal workers dropping out of the labor market. The majority of these workers returned to school. Transportation and public utilities employment increased by 400 over the month due to strikers returning to work in the communication sector.

Over the year, employment in nonmanufacturing increased by 1,300 workers. The largest gains were registered in contract construction; state and local government; and retail trade. All other areas of employment in nonmanufacturing increased except transportation and public utilities; services and mining; and federal government.

NOTE: Narrative written by Columbus Area Analyst, Richard Mann (404)571-7423

COLUMBUS NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	79.9	81.1	77.6	-1.2	2.3
Manufacturing	300005	20.7	20.6	19.7	.1	1.0
Durable Goods	300025	4.9	4.9	4.5	.0	.4
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	.4	.4	.3	.0	.1
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0
Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, and Machinery	333055	3.6	3.6	3.4	.0	.2
Other Durable Goods	399915	.4	.4	.3	.0	.1
Nondurable Goods	400015	15.8	15.7	15.2	.1	.6
Food and Kindred Products	420005	4.0	3.9	3.8	.1	.2
Textile Mills Products	422005	8.5	8.5	8.2	.0	.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	.9	.9	.8	.0	.1
Printing and Publishing	427005	1.2	1.2	1.1	.0	.1
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	1.2	1.3	1.3	-.1	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	000060	59.2	60.5	57.9	-1.3	1.3
Contract Construction	200005	4.2	4.2	3.3	.0	.9
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	3.1	2.7	3.2	.4	-.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	16.8	16.9	16.4	-.1	.4
Wholesale Trade	650005	2.6	2.6	2.5	.0	.1
Retail Trade	652005	14.2	14.3	13.9	-.1	.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	5.4	5.5	5.3	-.1	.1
Services and Mining	800055	10.8	11.0	11.4	-.2	-.6
Government	998008	18.9	20.2	18.2	-1.3	.7
Federal	998011	6.2	6.4	6.2	-.2	.0
State and Local	998509	12.8	13.8	11.9	-1.0	.9

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Columbus area, which includes Chattahoochee and Muscogee Counties, Georgia, and Russell County, Alabama. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

MACON SMSA

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Macon SMSA totalled 99,800 in September. The current estimate is up 900 from August and up 700 from September 1982. During the month, manufacturing gained 100 with durable goods adding 100 and nondurable goods remaining stable. Nonmanufacturing rose 900 with most of the increase in transportation and public utilities. Annually, manufacturing added 200 with advances in durable and nondurable goods. Nonmanufacturing increased 600 with gains in all categories except construction and transportation and public utilities.

Manufacturing, at 16,700, was up 100 from last month and 200 from a year ago. During the month, durable goods added 100 with small gains in lumber and wood, nonelectrical machinery, and "other nondurable goods." Nondurable goods was unchanged with small offsetting fluctuations in all segments. Annually, durable goods increased 100 with most of the gain in "other durable goods." Nondurable goods was up 100 with gains in textiles and "other nondurable goods" being partially offset by losses in food, apparel, and paper.

Nonmanufacturing, at 83,200, was up 900 from August and up 600 from September 1982. During the month, transportation and public utilities rose 700 as workers previously engaged in a labor dispute returned to work. Construction and government were up slightly with trade showing a small decline. Finance, insurance, and real estate and services were unchanged. Annually, losses in construction and transportation and public utilities partially offset gains in trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; services, and government.

NOTE: Narrative written by Macon Area Analyst, Tom G. Matthews (912) 744-6170

MACON NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	99.8	98.9	99.1	.9	.7
Manufacturing	300005	16.7	16.6	16.5	.1	.2
Durable Goods	300025	5.4	5.3	5.3	.1	.1
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	332005	1.3	1.3	1.3	.0	.0
Machinery, except Electrical	335005	.2	.2	.2	.0	.0
Other Dura 'e Goods	399915	3.3	3.3	3.2	.0	.1
Nondurable Goods	400015	11.3	11.3	11.2	.0	.1
Food and Kindred Products	420005	2.7	2.7	2.8	.0	-.1
Textile Mill Products	422005	1.8	1.8	1.5	.0	.3
Apparel and Other Textile Products	423005	1.6	1.5	1.9	.1	-.3
Paper and Allied Products	426005	2.1	2.2	2.2	-.1	-.1
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	.2	.2	.2	.0	.0
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	2.8	2.8	2.6	.0	.2
Nonmanufacturing	000060	83.2	82.3	82.6	.9	.6
Contract Construction	200005	3.7	3.6	4.0	.1	-.3
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	4.5	3.8	4.7	.7	-.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	21.3	21.4	21.1	-.1	.2
Wholesale Trade	650005	4.3	4.2	4.1	.1	.2
Retail Trade	652005	17.0	17.2	17.0	-.2	.0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	6.2	6.2	5.9	.0	.3
Serv ces and Mining	800055	17.9	17.9	17.6	.0	.3
Government	998008	29.6	29.4	29.4	.2	.2
Federal	948011	16.8	16.7	16.7	.1	.1
State and Local	998509	12.9	12.7	12.7	.2	.2

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Macon area, which includes Bibb, Houston, Jones, and Twiggs Counties. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

SAVANNAH SMSA

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Savannah SMSA declined slightly over the month and remains below year ago levels by an estimated 700. Manufacturing employment experienced a gain over the month and over the year. Nonmanufacturing employment lost both over the month and over the year.

Manufacturing employment increased 100 over the month and 300 over the year. Durable goods manufacturing remained stable over the month. This sector experienced scattered losses in some areas. The losses were offset by an equivalent gain in the transportation equipment sector. The nondurable goods sector gained 100 over the month. The increases were spread over various industries with no one of them significant.

Employment in the manufacturing sector has stabilized over the last several months. The present level is near pre-recessionary levels; consequently, no further significant gains are expected in the short run.

Nonmanufacturing employment declined 300 over the month and 900 over the year. A large portion of the decline in the yearly figure for nonmanufacturing occurred in the construction industry. This particular sector has been up and down for quite some time now. Interest rates and high unemployment in general has affected this sector. However, with the economy beginning to improve, employment in this sector should return to more normal levels. The drop experienced by the wholesale and retail sector is basically seasonal;employment in this sector will increase as the holiday season approaches. The services sector increased significantly over the year. Hotels and motels increased approximately 300 over the year due to the opening of several new establishments during the year. Employment in the medical field increased approximately 200 over the year. The remainder of the gains were scattered over several areas.

Employment in the Savannah SMSA appears to be on the upswing. We will continue to experience normal up and down movement, but the overall trend will be up.

NOTE Narrative written by Savannah Area Analyst, James W. Taggart (912) 944-2131.

SAVANNAH NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Nonagricultural Employment	000000	87.8	87.9	88.5	-.1	-.7
Manufacturing	300005	16.8	16.7	16.5	.1	.3
Durable Goods	300025	7.6	7.6	7.4	.0	.2
Lumber and Wood Products, except Furniture	324005	1.2	1.2	1.1	.0	.1
Millwork, Plywood, and Prefabricated Structural Products	324305	.5	.5	.5	.0	.0
Transportation Equipment	337005	4.3	4.2	4.2	.1	.1
Other Durable Goods	399915	2.1	2.2	2.1	-.1	.0
Nondurable Goods	400015	9.2	9.1	9.1	.1	.1
Food and Kindred Products	420005	1.9	1.9	1.9	.0	.0
Paper and Allied Products	426005	4.1	4.0	4.1	.1	.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	2.0	2.1	1.9	-.1	.1
Petroleum and Coal Products	429005	.4	.4	.3	.0	.1
Other Nondurable Goods	499915	.8	.8	.8	.0	.0
Nonmanufacturing	000060	71.0	71.3	71.9	-.3	-.9
Contract Construction	200005	4.9	5.0	5.9	-.1	-1.0
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities (except U.S. Postal Service)	500005	9.0	8.8	7.9	.2	1.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	600005	21.1	21.3	21.4	-.2	-.3
Wholesale Trade	650005	4.2	4.2	4.3	.0	-.1
Retail Trade	652005	16.8	17.0	17.1	-.2	-.3
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	700005	4.2	4.2	4.2	.0	.0
Services and Mining	800055	17.2	17.2	16.4	.0	.8
Government	998008	14.7	14.8	16.2	-.1	-1.5
Federal	998011	2.7	2.7	2.7	.0	.0
State and Local	998509	12.0	12.1	13.5	-.1	-1.5

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Employment and Training Administration, based upon monthly reports submitted by selected employers in the Savannah area, which includes Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham Counties. The estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who were employed during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the twelfth of the month. Proprietors, domestic servants, self-employed persons, unpaid family workers, and personnel of the Armed Forces are excluded. Estimates based on 1982 benchmark.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

SAVANNAH PRODUCTION WORKERS (000's)

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	NET CHANGE IN JOBS PREVIOUS MONTH	NET CHANGE IN JOBS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO
Total Manufacturing	300005	11.4	11.3	10.7	.1	.7
Durable Goods	300025	5.7	5.7	5.1	.0	.6
Nondurable Goods	400015	5.7	5.7	5.6	.0	.1
Selected Industries:						
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	.9	.9	.9	.0	.0
Paper and Allied Products	426005	2.5	2.5	2.5	.0	.0
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	1.4	1.5	1.3	-.1	.1
Transportation Equipment	337005	3.7	3.5	3.0	.2	.7

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NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

SAVANNAH HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	SERIES CODE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH SEP. 83	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PREVIOUS MONTH AUG. 83	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS CURRENT MONTH YEAR AGO SEP. 82
Total Manufacturing	300005	$416.74	$415.84	$389.84	45.2	45.2	44.3	$ 9.22	$ 9.20	$ 8.80
Durable Goods	300025	404.50	386.28	370.30	45.5	44.4	44.4	8.89	8.70	8.34
Nondurable Goods	400015	428.29	444.77	407.08	44.8	45.9	44.2	9.56	9.69	9.21
Selected Industries:										
Lumber and Wood Products	324005	$290.16	$291.81	$226.42	46.5	46.1	37.8	$ 6.24	$ 6.33	$ 5.99
Paper and Allied Products	426005	516.37	552.78	506.83	47.2	49.8	47.5	10.94	11.10	10.67
Chemicals and Allied Products	428005	364.59	351.12	314.11	43.3	41.9	40.9	8.42	8.38	7.68
Transportation Equipment	337005	449.88	429.30	420.43	46.0	45.0	45.6	9.78	9.54	9.22

NOTE: These preliminary estimates were prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data exclude supervisory, sales, clerical, and other office personnel. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis, reflecting changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, as well as any premium pay for overtime and late shift work.

NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Georgia Department of Labor.

UNITED STATES AND GEORGIA LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE
PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

AREA AND EMPLOYMENT	PRELIMINARY SEP. 1983	REVISED AUG. 1983	REVISED SEP. 1982	CHANGE FROM REVISED AUG. 1983	CHANGE FROM REVISED SEP. 1982
UNITED STATES (Seasonally Adjusted)					
Total Labor Force	112,368,000	112,262,000	110,858,000	106,000	1,510,000
Employed	101,945,000	101,563,000	99,543,000	382,000	2,402,000
Unemployed	10,423,000	10,699,000	11,315,000	-276,000	-892,000
Rate	9.3	9.5	10.2	---	---
UNITED STATES (Not Seasonally Adjusted)					
Civilian Labor Force	112,197,000	113,578,000	110,546,000	-1,381,000	1,651,000
Employed	102,366,000	103,167,000	99,851,000	-801,000	2,515,000
Unemployed	9,830,000	10,411,000	10,695,000	-581,000	-865,000
Rate	8.8	9.2	9.7	---	---
GEORGIA					
Civilian Labor Force	2,690,371	2,703,174	2,686,153	-12,803	4,218
Employed	2,502,115	2,512,698	2,481,872	-10,583	20,243
Unemployed	188,256	190,476	204,281	-2,220	-16,025
Rate	7.0	7.0	7.6	---	---
ALBANY SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	52,563	52,983	52,977	-420	-414
Employed	47,237	47,721	48,070	-484	-833
Unemployed	5,326	5,262	4,907	64	419
Rate	10.1	9.9	9.3	---	---
ATHENS SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	64,999	66,243	64,557	-1,244	442
Employed	61,124	61,717	60,268	-593	856
Unemployed	3,875	4,526	4,289	-651	-414
Rate	6.0	6.8	6.6	---	---
ATLANTA SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	1,106,346	1,113,207	1,107,864	-6,861	-1,518
Employed	1,039,338	1,045,962	1,037,215	-6,624	2,123
Unemployed	67,008	67,245	70,649	-237	-3,641
Rate	6.1	6.0	6.4	---	---
AUGUSTA, GA.-S.C. SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	134,680	133,903	139,218	777	-4,538
Employed	122,362	122,345	124,525	17	-2,163
Unemployed	12,318	11,558	14,693	760	-2,375
Rate	9.1	8.6	10.6	---	---
COLUMBUS, GA.-ALA. SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	86,960	89,047	87,433	-2,087	-473
Employed	79,681	82,119	79,514	-2,438	167
Unemployed	7,279	6,928	7,919	351	-640
Rate	8.4	7.8	9.1	---	---
MACON SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	108,315	108,749	108,964	-434	-649
Employed	99,885	100,820	101,119	-935	-1,234
Unemployed	8,430	7,929	7,845	501	585
Rate	7.8	7.3	7.2	---	---
SAVANNAH SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	96,567	98,356	98,579	-1,789	-2,012
Employed	88,388	90,108	90,806	-1,720	-2,418
Unemployed	8,179	8,248	7,773	-69	406
Rate	8.5	8.4	7.9	---	---

Includes nonagricultural wage and salary employment, self-employed, unpaid family and private household workers, and agricultural workers. Persons in labor disputes are counted as employed. The use of unrounded data does not imply that the numbers are exact. Georgia and SMSA data have not been seasonally adjusted.

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AUGUSTA SMSA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE
PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PRELIMINARY SEP. 1983	REVISED AUG. 1983	REVISED SEP. 1982	CHANGE FROM REVISED AUG. 1983	CHANGE FROM REVISED SEP. 1982
AUGUSTA, GA.-S.C. SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	134,680	133,903	139,218	777	-4,538
Employed	122,362	122,345	124,525	17	-2,163
Unemployed	12,318	11,558	14,693	760	-2,375
Rate	9.1	8.6	10.6	---	---
RESIDING IN GEORGIA					
Civilian Labor Force	90,723	90,504	91,431	219	-708
Employed	82,987	83,354	84,655	-367	-1,668
Unemployed	7,736	7,150	6,776	586	960
Rate	8.5	7.9	7.4	---	---
RESIDING IN SOUTH CAROLINA					
Civilian Labor Force	43,957	43,399	47,787	558	-3,830
Employed	39,375	38,991	39,870	384	-495
Unemployed	4,582	4,408	7,917	174	-3,335
Rate	10.4	10.2	16.6	---	---

COLUMBUS SMSA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE
PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PRELIMINARY SEP. 1983	REVISED AUG. 1983	REVISED SEP. 1982	CHANGE FROM REVISED AUG. 1983	CHANGE FROM REVISED SEP. 1982
COLUMBUS, GA.-ALA. SMSA					
Civilian Labor Force	86,960	89,047	87,433	-2,087	-473
Employed	79,681	82,119	79,514	-2,438	167
Unemployed	7,279	6,928	7,919	351	-640
Rate	8.4	7.8	9.1	---	---
RESIDING IN GEORGIA					
Civilian Labor Force	69,317	71,039	69,801	-1,722	-484
Employed	64,143	66,132	64,614	-1,989	-471
Unemployed	5,174	4,907	5,187	267	-13
Rate	7.5	6.9	7.4	---	---
RESIDING IN ALABAMA					
Civilian Labor Force	17,643	18,008	17,632	-365	11
Employed	15,538	15,987	14,900	-449	638
Unemployed	2,105	2,021	2,732	84	-627
Rate	11.9	11.2	15.5	---	---

The Augusta Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Richmond and Columbia Counties, Georgia, and Aiken County, South Carolina. The Columbus Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Muscogee and Chattahoochee Counties, Georgia and Russell County, Alabama. Data have not been seasonally adjusted.

GEORGIA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
BY METROPOLITAN AND NONMETROPOLITAN RESIDENCE
PERSONS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS	PRELIMINARY SEP. 1983	REVISED AUG. 1983	REVISED SEP. 1982	CHANGE FROM REVISED AUG. 1983	CHANGE FROM REVISED SEP. 1982
GEORGIA TOTAL					
Civilian Labor Force	2,690,371	2,703,174	2,686,153	-12,803	4,218
Employed	2,502,115	2,512,698	2,481,872	-10,583	20,243
Unemployed	188,256	190,476	204,281	-2,220	-16,025
Rate	7.0	7.0	7.6	---	---
METROPOLITAN RESIDENCE					
Civilian Labor Force	1,634,993	1,647,084	1,641,920	-12,091	-6,927
Employed	1,526,341	1,538,816	1,530,582	-12,475	-4,241
Unemployed	108,652	108,268	111,338	384	-2,686
Rate	6.6	6.6	6.8	---	---
NONMETROPOLITAN RESIDENCE					
Civilian Labor Force	1,055,378	1,056,090	1,044,233	-712	11,145
Employed	975,774	973,882	951,290	1,892	24,484
Unemployed	79,604	82,208	92,943	-2,604	-13,339
Rate	7.5	7.8	8.9	---	---

The sum of the Georgia part of Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) includes the Catoosa, Dade and Walker County part of the Chattanooga SMSA but excludes the Aiken County, South Carolina, part of the Augusta SMSA and the Russell County, Alabama, part of the Columbus SMSA.

According to BLS definition, employed persons consist of individuals 16 years of age or older who: (1) did any work for pay or profit during the survey week; (2) did at least 15 hours of unpaid work in a family operated business; (3) were temporarily absent from their regular jobs because of illness, vacation, bad weather, industrial dispute or various personal reasons.

According to BLS definition, unemployed persons consist of individuals 16 years old or older who: (1) did not have a job during the survey week but were available to work and actively seeking work; (2) were not working and who were waiting to be called back to a job from which they had been laid off; (3) were not working and who were waiting to report to a new job within 30 days.

By definition, those persons previously employed in industries covered under state unemployment insurance laws consist of: (1) current unemployment insurance claimants; (2) persons disqualified from receiving benefits for nonmonetary reasons because they quit or were discharged for cause, but otherwise would have been eligible; (3) claimants whose benefits have been exhausted; (4) persons who either filed claims late or did not file.

Those major industrial/occupational groups not required under law to be covered by unemployment insurance consist of some nonprofit organizations, some farm workers, some government workers, some domestics, nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers.